
RECERTIFICATION CRITERIA

PURPOSE:

To define requirements for the recertification of eligible individuals, who voluntarily request certification, by the Medical Director of the local EMS Agency as a First Responder.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible to apply for recertification as a First Responder, an individual at the time of application must:

1. Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age
2. Possess a valid First Responder certification in the State of California which is issued by an EMS certifying authority and has not expired for more than twelve (12) months.
3. Provide documentation of successful completion of an approved refresher course within six (6) months prior to application for recertification and possess a course completion record from same.
4. Pass by pre-established standards a competency based written and skills examination approved by this local EMS Agency.

PROCEDURE:

An individual applying for recertification as a First Responder within this region shall:

1. Apply for recertification within six (6) months of successful passage of the written and skills examination
2. Meet all recertification requirements within six (6) months prior to the expiration date to retain the expiration date of the current certificate; otherwise, the expiration date shall be two (2) years from the date of successful passage of the First Responder recertifying examination
3. Submit a completed application with the appropriate fee (cash, money order or provider checks only). Fees paid for certification are not refundable or transferable
4. Submit a photocopy of the front and back of the certificate which qualifies the individual to apply for recertification as a First Responder
5. Submit a current 1" x 1¼" driver's license style photograph. If the photo is submitted by mail, it will be necessary that it be accompanied by a photocopy of the applicant's driver's license for verification purposes
6. Submit a signed copy (front and back) of the individual's current American Heart Association BCLS Level C or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card